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In re the application of:)   Group Art Unit: 1773
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For: **THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER LAMINATED MATERIAL**

APPENDIX A

Please amend the following claims as indicated in the following marked-up copy of the claims.

1.   (Once Amended) A laminated material [characterized in that, in the laminated material wherein a polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (B) containing an oily softening agent is laminated on the surface layer] comprising:

> (i)   a surface layer comprising a polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (A) containing an oily softening agent, and

> (ii)   an underlayer comprising a polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (B) containing an oily softening agent which underlayer is laminated on the surface layer,

wherein the ratio (a) of the oily softening agent to [the] amorphous component, [(]or if the polyethylene is incorporated, to the total of [the] an amorphous component and polyethylene [if polyethylene is incorporated)] in said thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the ratio (b) of the oily softening agent to [the] an amorphous component, [(]or if the polyethylene is incorporated, to the total of [the] an amorphous component and polyethylene [if polyethylene is incorporated)] in said thermoplastic elastomer (B) satisfy the following requisites;

ratio(a) ≥ 0.8 X ratio (b),

ratio(a) = 5 to [200] 62.5 wt.%, and

ratio(b) = 5 to [200] 62.5 wt.%.

2.   (Once Amended) A laminated material [characterized in that, in the laminated material] according to Claim 1, wherein the polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and/or the polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (B) contain(s) polyethylene and in addition the ratio(a′) of the oily softening agent to the amorphous component in said thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the ratio(b′) of the oily softening agent to the amorphous component in said thermoplastic elastomer (B) satisfy the following requisites;

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ratio(a′) ≥ 0.8 X ratio (b′),

ratio(a′) = 5 to [200] <u>62.5</u> wt.%, and

ratio(b′) = 5 to [200] <u>62.5</u> wt.%.

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following clean copy of the claims.

1.   (Once Amended) A laminated material comprising:

(i)   a surface layer comprising a polyolefinic
thermoplastic elastomer (A) containing an
oily softening agent, and

(ii)   an underlayer comprising a polyolefinic
thermoplastic elastomer (B) containing an
oily softening agent which underlayer is
laminated on the surface layer,

wherein the ratio (a) of the oily softening agent to
amorphous component, or if the polyethylene is
incorporated, to the total of an amorphous component and
polyethylene in said thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the
ratio (b) of the oily softening agent to an amorphous

component, or if the polyethylene is incorporated, to the total of an amorphous component and polyethylene in said thermoplastic elastomer (B) satisfy the following requisites;

ratio(a) ≥ 0.8 X ratio (b),

ratio(a) = 5 to 62.5 wt.%, and

ratio(b) = 5 to 62.5 wt.%.

2. (Once Amended) A laminated material according to Claim 1,

wherein the polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and/or the polyolefinic thermoplastic elastomer (B) contain(s) polyethylene and in addition the ratio(a') of the oily softening agent to the amorphous component in said thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the ratio(b') of the oily softening agent to the amorphous component in said thermoplastic elastomer (B) satisfy the following requisites;

ratio(a') ≥ 0.8 X ratio (b'),

ratio(a') = 5 to 62.5 wt.%, and

ratio(b') = 5 to 62.5 wt.%.